GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3433
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CONSTRUCTION OF MALLS
Jha Shri Raghunath;Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to obtain environmental clearance for any construction that costs Rs. 50 crore or more, or generates 50,000 litres or more of effluents or can accommodate 1000 persons of more, before starting construction;

(b) if so, whether the shopping malls in Delhi have been/are being constructed without having environmental clearance despite costing Rs. 50 crore or more;

(c) if so, the details of the shopping malls which have been constructed and/or under construction in Delhi/New Delhi and the expenditure being incurred on theirconstruction; and

(d) the details of the complaints received from Members of Parliament regarding illegal construction of shopping malls in Delhi/New Delhi and the reasons for not taking action on the complaints and the action the Government proposes to take against all such shopping malls now?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Complaint/Representations have been received from Shri Raghunath Jha, and Smt. Brinda Karat Members of Parliament regarding illegal construction of shopping malls in Vasant Kunj ridge area. This matter is sub-judice in W-P- No., 202/1995 being heard in Supreme Court of India.